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REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 50-53 are withdrawn.

1. Restriction

The Examiner restricted Applicant's claims as follows:

Group I, Claims 1-49, drawn to products classified in classes 514, 544, 546 and 548;

Group II, Claims 50-52 drawn to methods of use and classified in class 514; and

Group III, Claim 53, drawn to a method of preparing products, classified in classes 544, 546 and 548.

The Applicant elects Group I, without traverse. In the event that further restriction of Group I is introduced in the future by the Examiner, Applicants may traverse such restriction. The Applicant's election is made with the understanding that method claims 50-53 may be rejoined in the event that elected base claim 1 is found allowable.

The Examiner further required election of a single compound. For examination purposes, the Applicant elects compound 16 in Table 1 (page 21 of Applicant's specification). The election of this compound corresponds to the following values for the variables of formula I:

$m = 0$;

$n = m$;

$p = 2$;

R^1 is absent (since $m = 0$);

$-S(O)_n-R^2$ is at the 3- position of the indole ring system;

R^2 is unsubstituted phenyl;

R^3 is hydrogen;

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R⁴ is at the 7- position of the indole ring system;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are hydrogen; and

R⁸ is methyl.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully believe that all claims pending in the above-identified case are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-354-7540.

No fees should be due. However, in the event it is determined that a fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 18-1700.

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